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### A Letter of Pres. Philip Phelps, Jr., to Albertus C. Van Raalte

Philip Phelps Jr.

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August 29, 1873

Holland, Mich[igan]

A letter of Pres. Philip Phelps, Jr., to Albertus C. Van Raalte concerning business with the gift of the railroad bonds which Van Raalte is giving to Hope College.

Original in the archives of the Holland Historical Trust, the Joint Archives of Holland at Hope College, T88-0230.

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Holland, Mich. Aug. 29 1873

Rev. Dr. Van Raalte,

Dear Brother

In answer to your inquiry whether the resolution of the Council about the R.R. Bonds, is intended to throw on you the responsibility of paying the teachers in the Female & Primary Dept. to, I would say that you cannot be held individually and solely responsible for obligations which pertain to the whole Institution. nor do I imagine that the Council contemplated any such inconsistency.

In case of absolute necessity you are authorized to sell the R.R. Bonds, but if the case

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were my own; I would not sacrifice them - since they would have to go below par - without an actual vote of the Council directing it, especially as votes were recorded in the negative, on the resolution.

From the accompanying statement, you will see that the teachers in the above Department have thus far been paid better than in any other. None of the rest, even with the last money from Lynch, have received beyond April 1<sup>st</sup>.

except Mr. Noerdly, who has been paid till about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

Yours sincerely,

H. Phelps

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In case of absolute necessity you are authorized to sell the R.R. Bonds, but if the case were my own, I would not sacrifice them—since they would have to go below par—without an actual vote if the Council directing it, especially as votes were recorded in the negative, on the resolution.

From the accompanying statement you will see that the teachers in the above Departments have thus far been paid better than in any other. None of the rest, even with the last money from Synod, have received beyond April 1<sup>st</sup> except Mr Moerdyk, who has been paid till about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May

Yours Sincerely

Ph. Phelps Jr

Transcribed by Erica D. Heeg  
November 19, 2003

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J. H. Phelps



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J. H. Phelps